



Magnetohydrodynamic Effects in Mixed Convection Copper-Water Nano Fluid Flow at Lower Stagnation Point on a Sliced Sphere

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ABSTRACT

The study of simulation and applications of mathematics in fluid dynamics continues to grow along with the development of computer science and technology. One of them is Magnetohydrodynamics (MHD) which is closely related to its implementation in engineering and industry. And given the importance of magnetic fluid flow has attracted researchers to study and explore its benefits and uses in the industrial field, especially in convective flow and heat transfer processes. This paper therefore considers mathematical modeling on mixed convection MHD viscous fluid flow on the lower stagnation point of a magnetic sliced sphere. The study began with transforming the governing equations which are in dimensional partial differential equations to non-dimensional ordinary differential equations by using the similarity variable. The resulting similarity equations are then solved by the Keller-Box scheme. The characteristics and effects of the Prandtl number, the sliced angle, the magnetic parameter, and the mixed convection parameter are analyzed and discussed. The results depicted that the uniform magnetic field produced by Lorentz force and slicing on the sphere act as determining factors for the trend of nano fluid movement and controlling the cooling rate of the sphere surface. In addition, the viscosity depends on the copper particle volume fraction.

1. Introduction

Several researchers have employed the MHD concept to investigate characteristics of the magnetohydrodynamic effects in mixed convection fluid flow at lower stagnation point on an object. For example the study of Yasin *et al.*, [1] has considered numerical solution of the problem of MHD newtonian heating and thermal radiation effects Fe_3O_4 – water nano fluid flow at lower stagnation point flow on a flat plate. The problem was solved by implementing Keller box scheme. It had been obtained that the influence of significant results such as the uniform magnetic field produced from Lorentz force of the nano fluid, and heat transfer from the thermal radiation effect change in nano

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fluid velocity and temperature. And the fluid volume fraction affects changes in fluid viscosity. There is further another example as the study of Alkasasbeh, [2]. They had investigated the problem of convection boundary layer flow over a solid sphere of nano fluid. This problem has been solved numerically by using Keller box scheme. They had obtained that there is a correlation between the volume fraction of nanoparticles with fluid viscosity, velocity and temperature. In addition, there are also many researchers who have studied and investigated the MHD affects nano fluid flow on a body, e.g. a porous sphere [3], a horizontal circular cylinder [4], a stretching sheet [5-9], a wedge [10], a vertical flat plate [11], and a Circular Cylinder [12]. Investigation of the MHD effects in thermal convection nano fluid flow has been conducted by Choi and Eastman [13]. Further, investigation of the MHD effects in micropolar two nano fluids flow has been carried out by Nadeem *et al.*, [14]. All the studies that I have mentioned earlier state that the heat transfer, uniform magnetic field and porosity of the object effect change in fluid velocity and temperature. And the volume fraction of the fluid affects the viscosity of the fluid. Research that has been carried out by Widodo *et al.*, [15] considers the problem of magnetohydrodynamic effects in mixed convection viscous fluid flow at lower stagnation point on a magnetic solid sphere. The results show that the velocity and temperature of the fluid are affected by heat transfer and uniform magnetic field of the sphere.

Based on the many studies related to MHD, this motivates us to conduct research related to MHD, especially those affecting the mixed convection of copper-water nano fluid flow at the lower stagnation point on a magnetic sliced solid sphere. The dimensional equations governing this problem are further developed based on the laws of conservation of mass, momentum, and energy. The copper-water nano fluid flows from the bottom up and passes through the sliced magnetic solid sphere. The dimensional equations are then transformed into non-dimensional building equations using non-dimensional variables and then converted into a non-linear system of ordinary differential equations using flow functions and non-similar equations. This system of differential equations is then solved numerically using the Keller-Box method. Next, we discuss the effect of variations in spherical magnetic, heat transfer, volume fraction, and spherical wedge angle on changes in fluid velocity and fluid temperature above the spherical surface.

2. Methodology

The MHD effects in mixed convection copper- water nano fluid flow at a lower stagnation point on magnetic sliced solid sphere is considered. The copper- water nano fluid here is a solution of copper (*Cu*) particles and water as the basic fluid. Mathematical model is further built from continuity equation, momentum equations, energy equation, and boundary conditions. Those equations are further converted into non-dimensional governing equation form by using non-dimensional variables and parameters. And it is obtained non-linear partial differential equations and boundary conditions. The non-linear partial differential equations are further transformed into non-linear ordinary differential equations by applying similarity equations and stream function. The resulting similarity equations are then solved by the Keller-Box scheme. The characteristics and effects of the Prandtl number, the sliced angle, the magnetic parameter, and the mixed convection parameter are analyzed and discussed.

Figure 1(a) shows the illustration of the physical model of sliced sphere and Figure 1(b) depicts the coordinate system used.

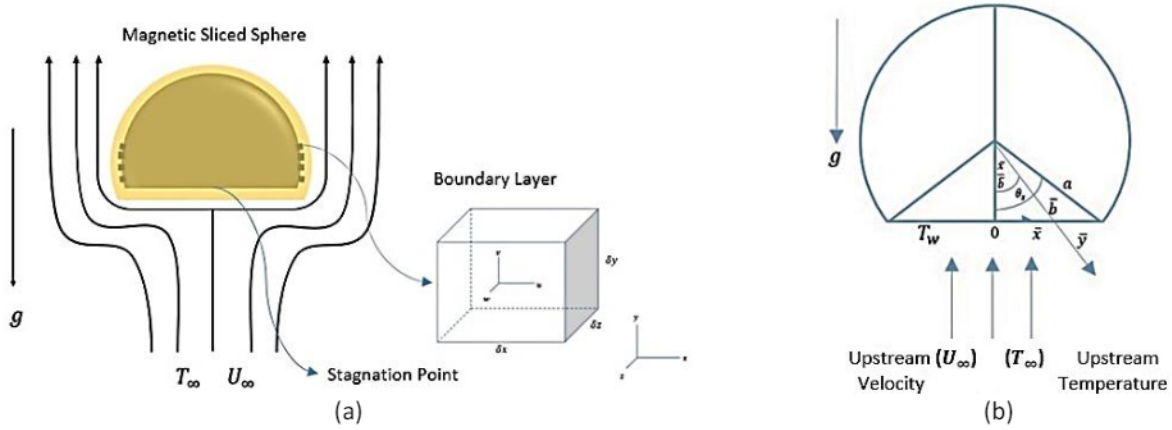


Fig. 1. (a) The physical model of sliced sphere (b) The coordinate system

The continuity equation is given by

$$\frac{\partial(\bar{r}\bar{u})}{\partial\bar{x}} + \frac{\partial(\bar{r}\bar{v})}{\partial\bar{y}} = 0 \quad (1)$$

The momentum equation in x axis direction

$$\left(\frac{\partial\bar{u}}{\partial\bar{t}} + \bar{u}\frac{\partial\bar{u}}{\partial\bar{x}} + \bar{v}\frac{\partial\bar{u}}{\partial\bar{y}}\right) = -\frac{\partial\bar{p}}{\partial\bar{x}} + \mu_{fn}\left(\frac{\partial^2\bar{u}}{\partial\bar{x}^2} + \frac{\partial^2\bar{u}}{\partial\bar{y}^2}\right) + \sigma(B_0 - b)^2\bar{u} - \rho_{fn}\beta(\bar{T} - T_\infty)g \tan\left(\frac{\bar{x}}{\bar{b}}\right) \quad (2)$$

The momentum equation in y axis direction

$$\rho_{fn}\left(\frac{\partial\bar{v}}{\partial\bar{t}} + \bar{u}\frac{\partial\bar{v}}{\partial\bar{x}} + \bar{v}\frac{\partial\bar{v}}{\partial\bar{y}}\right) = -\frac{\partial\bar{p}}{\partial\bar{y}} + \mu_{fn}\left(\frac{\partial^2\bar{v}}{\partial\bar{x}^2} + \frac{\partial^2\bar{v}}{\partial\bar{y}^2}\right) + \sigma(B_0 - b)^2\bar{v} - \rho_{fn}\beta(\bar{T} - T_\infty)\frac{g}{\cos\left(\frac{\bar{x}}{\bar{b}}\right)} \quad (3)$$

The energy equation is given by

$$\left(\frac{\partial\bar{T}}{\partial\bar{t}} + \bar{u}\frac{\partial\bar{T}}{\partial\bar{x}} + \bar{v}\frac{\partial\bar{T}}{\partial\bar{y}}\right) = \alpha_{fn}\left(\frac{\partial^2\bar{T}}{\partial\bar{x}^2} + \frac{\partial^2\bar{T}}{\partial\bar{y}^2}\right) \quad (4)$$

with boundary conditions as follows

$$\bar{t} = 0 : \bar{u} = \bar{v} = 0, \bar{T} = T_\infty \text{ for all positions } \bar{x}, \bar{y}$$

$$\bar{t} > 0 : \bar{u} = \bar{v} = 0, \bar{T} = T_w \text{ at the } \bar{y} = 0$$

$$\bar{u} = \frac{3}{2}U_\infty \sin\frac{\bar{x}}{\bar{b}}, \bar{T} = T_\infty \text{ when } \bar{y} \rightarrow \infty$$

Further, it is introduced non-dimensional variables and parameters as follows [16-18]

$$x = \frac{\bar{x}}{a}; y = Re^{\frac{1}{2}}\frac{\bar{y}}{a}; t = \frac{U_\infty\bar{t}}{a}; u = \frac{\bar{u}}{U_\infty};$$

$$v = Re^{\frac{1}{2}}\frac{\bar{v}}{U_\infty}; T = \frac{\bar{T} - T_\infty}{T_w - T_\infty}; p = \frac{\bar{p}}{\rho_{fn}U_\infty^2};$$

$$r(x) = \frac{\bar{x}}{a}; u_e(x) = \frac{\bar{u}_e(x)}{U_\infty}; M = \frac{a\sigma(B_0-b)^2}{\rho_{fn}U_\infty};$$

$$\lambda = \frac{Gr}{Re^2}; Gr = \frac{g\beta(T_w - T_\infty a^3)}{v_{fn}^2}; Pr = \frac{v_{fn}}{v_f}$$

where the Reynolds number $Re = \frac{U_\infty}{v_{fn}}$, M is the magnetic parameter, Gr is the Grasshof number, Pr is the Prandtl number, and λ is the mixed convection parameter.

By substituting those non-dimensional variables and parameters into the Eq. (1) - (4), respectively, we obtain non-dimensional governing equations as follows

The continuity equation,

$$\frac{\partial(ru)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(rv)}{\partial y} = 0 \quad (5)$$

The momentum equation in x axis direction,

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \frac{v_{fn}}{v_f} \frac{1}{Re} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{v_{fn}}{v_f} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + Mu - \lambda T \tan\left(\frac{x \cos x}{\cos \theta_s}\right) \quad (6)$$

The momentum equation in y axis direction,

$$\frac{1}{Re} \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \frac{v_{fn}}{v_f} \frac{1}{Re^2} \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{v_{fn}}{v_f} \frac{1}{Re} \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} + \frac{M}{Re} v - \frac{\lambda}{Re^2} \frac{T}{\cos\left(\frac{x \cos x}{\cos \theta_s}\right)} \quad (7)$$

The energy equation,

$$\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{1}{Re} \frac{1}{Pr} \frac{\alpha_{fn}}{\alpha_f} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{Pr} \frac{\alpha_{fn}}{\alpha_f} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} \quad (8)$$

Further, according to the study of Widodo *et al.*, [15], when $Re \rightarrow \infty$ then $\frac{1}{Re} \rightarrow 0$. So the Eq. (5) – (8) can be written by the following equations, respectively.

The continuity equation,

$$\frac{\partial(ru)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(rv)}{\partial y} = 0 \quad (9)$$

The momentum equation in x axis direction,

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \frac{v_{fn}}{v_f} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + Mu - \lambda T \tan\left(\frac{x \cos x}{\cos \theta_s}\right) \quad (10)$$

The momentum equation in y axis direction,

$$0 = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \quad (11)$$

The energy equation,

$$\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial T}{\partial y}\right) = \frac{1}{Pr} \frac{\alpha_{fn}}{\alpha_f} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} \quad (12)$$

For density, dynamic viscosity, specific heat, and heat conductivity of the copper-water nano fluid respectively defined as follows [2]

The nano fluid density,

$$\rho_{fn} = (1 - X)\rho_f + x\rho_s$$

The dynamic viscosity,

$$\mu_{fn} = \frac{\mu_f}{(1 - X)^{2.5}}$$

The specific heat,

$$(\rho C_p)_{fn} = (1 - X)(\rho C_p)_f + x(\rho C_p)_s$$

Heat conductivity,

$$\frac{k_{fn}}{k_f} = \frac{(k_f + 2k_s) - 2x(k_f - k_s)}{(k_f + 2k_s) + x(k_f - k_s)}$$

By substituting these four equations into the Eq. (10) and (12), respectively, it is obtained non-linear partial differential equations as follows

Momentum equation in x axis direction,

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \left[\frac{1}{(1-X)^{2.5} \left((1-X) + X \left(\frac{\rho_f}{\rho_s} \right) \right)} \right] \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + Mu - \lambda T \tan \left(\frac{x \cos x}{\cos \theta_s} \right) \quad (13)$$

and the energy equation,

$$\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial T}{\partial z}\right) = \frac{1}{Pr} \left(\frac{(k_s + 2k_f) - 2X(k_f - k_s)}{((k_s + 2k_f) - 2X(k_f - k_s)) \left((1-X) + \left(\frac{X(\rho C_p)_s}{(\rho C_p)_f} \right) \right)} \right) \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} \quad (14)$$

Further, these equations are transformed into non-linear ordinary differential equation by using similarity equations as follows [2]

$$\psi = t^{\frac{1}{2}} u_e(x); r(x); f(x, \eta, t); \eta = \frac{y}{t^{\frac{1}{2}}}; T = s(x, \eta, t) \quad (14a)$$

where ψ is the stream function defined as

$$u = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y}; \quad v = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}$$

which identically satisfies the Eq. (9).

Therefore, by substituted the Eq. (14a) into the Eq. (13) and the Eq. (14), and set $x = 0$ (at the lower stagnation point), the following ordinary differential equations are obtained

$$\left[\frac{1}{(1-X)^{2.5} \left((1-X) + X \left(\frac{\rho_f}{\rho_s} \right) \right)} \right] \left[\frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial \eta^3} + \frac{\eta}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \eta^2} + t \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\cos \theta_s} \right) \left(1 - \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial \eta} \right)^2 + 2f \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \eta^2} \right) \right] = t \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t \partial \eta} + Mt \left(1 - \frac{\partial f}{\partial \eta} \right) - \frac{2}{3} \lambda s t \quad (15)$$

$$\left(\frac{(k_s + 2k_f) - 2X(k_f - k_s)}{\left((k_s + 2k_f) - 2X(k_f - k_s) \right) \left((1-X) + \left(\frac{X(\rho C_p)_s}{(\rho C_p)_f} \right) \right)} \right) \left[\frac{\partial^2 s}{\partial \eta^2} + \Pr \frac{\eta}{2} \frac{\partial s}{\partial \eta} + \frac{3}{2} \Pr t \left(\frac{1}{\cos \theta_s} \right) f \frac{\partial s}{\partial \eta} \right] = \Pr t \frac{\partial s}{\partial t} \quad (16)$$

and boundary conditions (17)

$$t = 0 : f = 0, \frac{\partial f}{\partial \eta} = 0, s = 0 \text{ for all } x, \eta$$

$$t > 0 : \frac{\partial f}{\partial \eta} = 0, s = 1 \text{ at } \eta = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \eta} = 1, s = 0 \text{ at } \eta \rightarrow \infty$$

It should be noted that the velocity profiles and temperature distributions at the lower stagnation point of sliced sphere can be obtained from the following relations

$$u = \frac{\partial f}{\partial \eta} \text{ and } s = s(\eta)$$

The Eq. of (15) and (16) further are solved by using Keller Box method. According to the study of Widodo *et al.*, [19], the steps are follows: firstly, reducing the order of the Eq. (15) and (16) to first order equations and then discretizing the model using finite difference method. Further, linearizing the equation by using the Newton's Method and it is obtained the algebraic equation. The last step is solving the linear system by using the technique of tridiagonal block elimination.

3. Results

The Keller-box method is employed to obtain the numerical solution of the Eq. (15) and (16) with the boundary conditions as in the Eq. (17) for velocity and temperature at the lower stagnation point of a sliced sphere. Then, the step size $\Delta x = \Delta \eta = 0.005$ and the boundary layer thickness $\eta_\infty = 6$ have been set throughout this investigation in the Matlab numerical codes. For the accuracy of the

present results, it must be verified by comparing with numerical results of Ismail *et al.*, [23]. The present results are in close agreement with the numerical results of Ismail *et al.*, [23] for the parameters $\lambda = 1$; $Pr = 0.7$; $M = 0$, sliced angle $(\theta_s) = 0^\circ$ and the thermophysical properties of copper-water nano particle $Cu \left(\rho \left(\frac{kg}{m^3} \right) = 8933; Cp \left(\frac{J}{kg K} \right) = 385; k \left(\frac{W}{m K} \right) = 400 \right)$ and the Stefan-Boltzmann constant σ have been listed in Table 1. Figure 2(a) shows the fluid velocity profiles of the present results are in close agreement with the fluid velocity profiles of Ismail *et al.*, Figure 2(b) shows the fluid temperature profiles of the present results are also in close agreement with the fluid temperature profiles of Ismail *et al.*. The present results demonstrate that the present numerical method and Matlab programme codes are accurate and effective approximate numerical method for solving this type of nonlinear problem. Further, by proceeding with numerical calculations using variations of parameters and variables that in accordance with the problem in this paper.

Table 1

Thermophysical Properties of Fluid and Nanoparticles [20-22]

Physical Properties	Fluid Phase (Water)	Cu
$C_p(J/kgK)$	4179	385
$\rho(kg/m^3)$	997.1	8933
$k(W/mK)$	0.613	400
$\sigma(S/m)$	5.5×10^{-6}	59.6×10^6

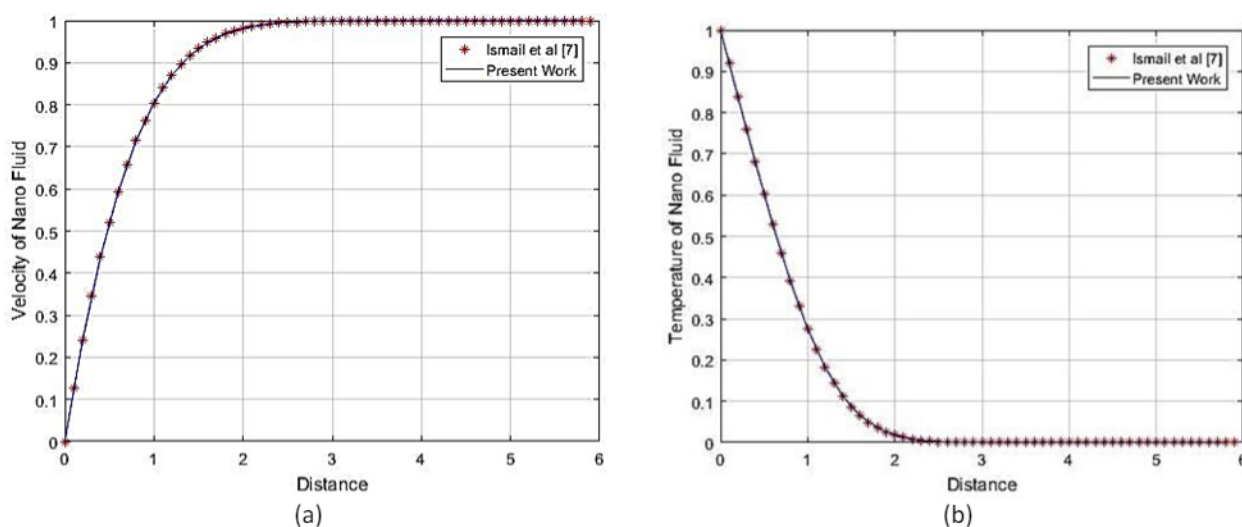


Fig. 2. (a) Velocity profile of nano fluid (b) Temperature profiles of nano fluid

The values of Prandtl number considered are $Pr = 0.7, 1$, and 7 which correspond to air, electrolyte solution and water, respectively, according to the study of Salleh *et al.*, [24]. Next, Table 2 shows the calculation results of the magnetic parameters if the density and the Stefan-Boltzmann constant of each Iron, cobalt, steel and zinc are given. The variation of magnetic field (M) with the fixed values of $\lambda = 1, Pr = 0.7$, sliced angle $(\theta_s) = 30^\circ$, volume fraction of copper-water nano fluid (X) = 0.1 , are illustrated in Figures 3(a) and 3(b). From these figures, it can be seen that an increase in magnetic parameters, M , leads to a decrease in fluid velocity and increase on fluid temperature.

Table 2

Magnetic parameter values based on sphere material

Magnetic sphere	ρ	σ	M
Iron	7.87×10^3	1.04×10^7	1.3
Cobalt	8.86×10^3	1.6×10^7	1.8
Steel	7.75×10^3	1.61×10^7	2.0
Zinc	7.14×10^3	1.68×10^7	2.4

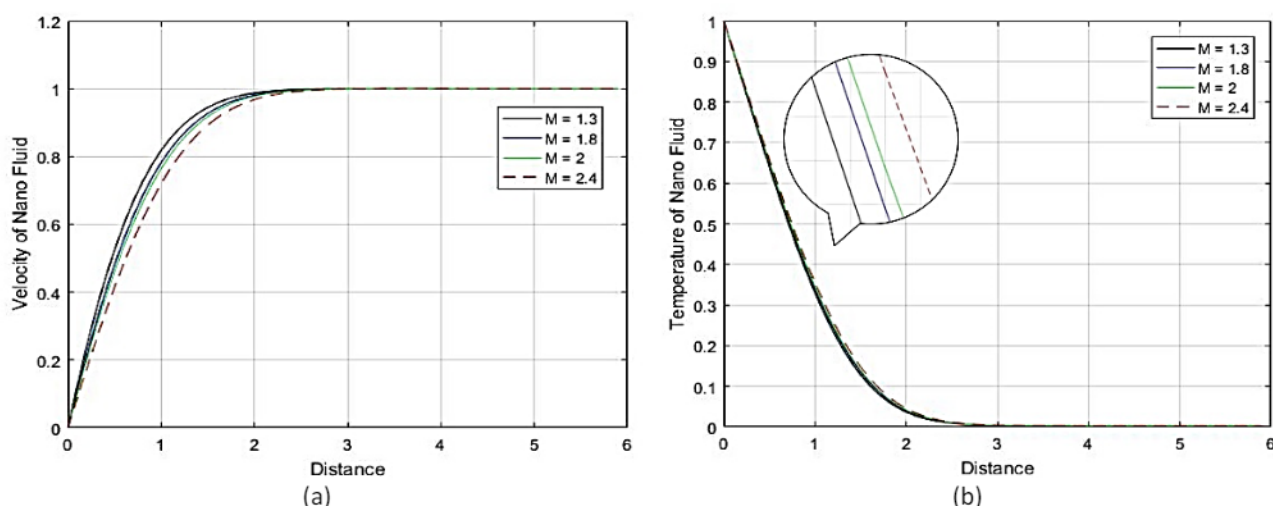


Fig. 3. (a) Fluid velocity profiles for various of magnetic parameter (M) (b) Temperature curve for various of magnetic parameter (M)

This is expected as the presence of the Lorentz force on a magnetic sliced solid sphere creates an increase in the magnetic field around the magnetic sliced solid sphere. Hence, when the magnetic field parameter (M) increases, the fluid velocity decreases. Further, the uniform magnetic field produced by the magnetic sliced solid sphere will increase the internal energy of the fluid to flow, causing the temperature of the fluid to increase. Hence, when the magnetic field parameter (M) increases, the fluid temperature increases. This is the same as the results of the investigation by Thirupathi *et al.*, [25] the Radiative Magnetohydrodynamics problem of Casson Nanofluid Flow past on Nonlinear Stretching Surface.

The effect of the slice angle of the magnetic solid sphere on the fluid velocity and temperature, with fixed values of $\lambda = 1$, $Pr = 0.7$, magnetic (M) = 2, and volume fraction of nano fluid (X) = 0.1, are shown in Figures 4(a) and 4(b). Figure 4(a) shows that an increase in the slice angle of the magnetic solid sphere leads to an increase in fluid velocity. This is due to the large angle of the slice causing the area of the sphere slice to become larger and flatter. That makes the effect of the uniform magnetic field on the sphere become stronger. The Lorentz force on the sphere becomes bigger. As a result, the Lorentz force strength around the sliced sphere increases. Hence, when the sliced angle (θ_s) parameter increases, the fluid velocity increases. Meanwhile, the opposite behaviour was observed for the temperature profiles as shown in Figure 4(b). This figure shows that the fluid temperature decreases when increasing the slice angle of the magnetic solid sphere. This is due to the large angle of the slice of the magnetic sliced solid sphere causing the area of the sliced sphere to become larger and flatter. Thus, making the influence of the uniform magnetic field become stronger. The uniform magnetic field will reduce the internal energy of the fluid, causing the fluid temperature to decrease. Hence, when the sliced angle of the solid sphere (θ_s) parameter increases, the fluid temperature decreases.

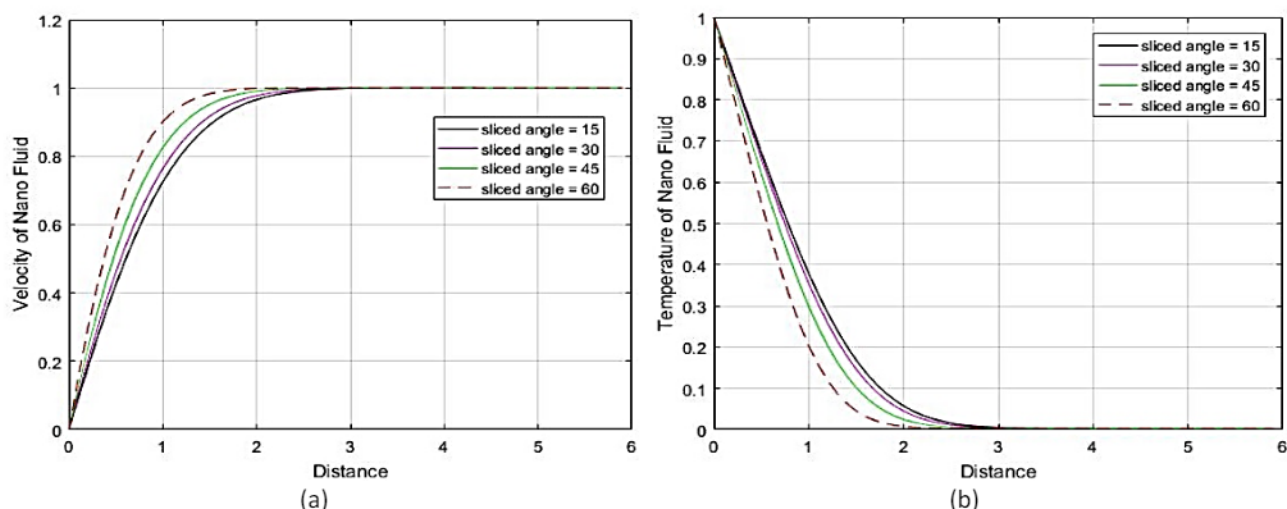


Fig. 4. (a) Fluid velocity profiles for various sliced angle of magnetic sliced solid sphere (θ_s) (b) Fluid temperature profiles for various sliced angle of magnetic sliced solid sphere (θ_s)

Further, the effect volume fraction of nano fluid on the fluid velocity and temperature profiles are shown in Figure 5(a) and 5(b) respectively. These figures have been obtained when the values of $\lambda = 1$, $Pr = 0.7$, magnetic (M) = 2, and sliced angle (θ_s) = 30° are fixed.

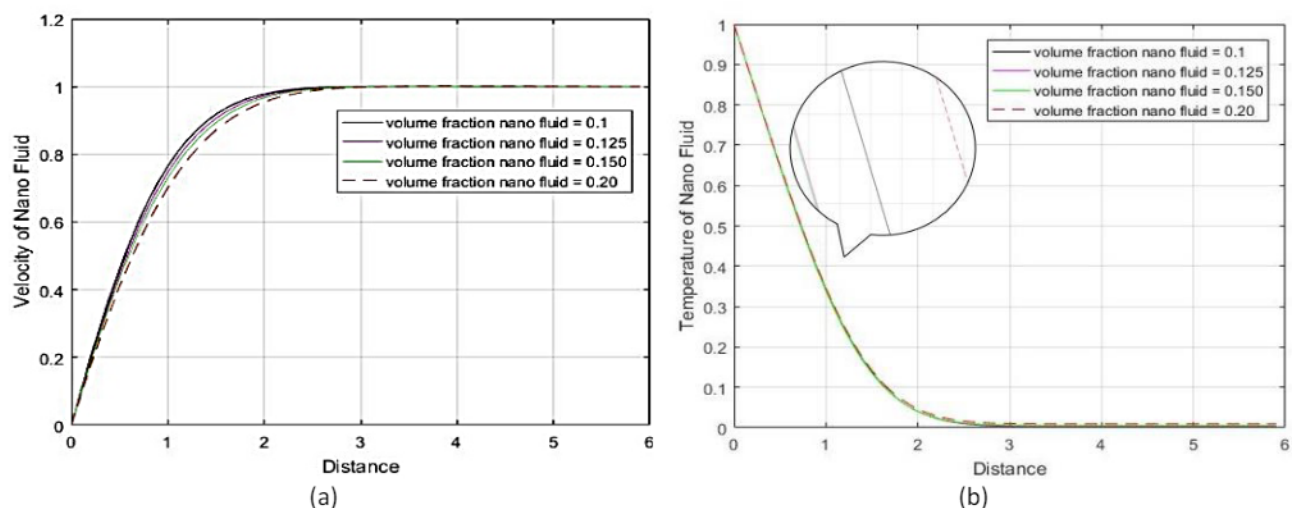


Fig. 5. (a) Fluid velocity profiles for various volume fraction (X) (b) Fluid temperature profiles for various volume fraction (X)

Figure 5(a) shows the fluid velocity profiles influenced by various of volume fraction of nano fluid parameters. Based on variation of volume fraction of copper-water nano fluid parameters, the fluid velocity decreases when the volume fraction of the nano fluid parameter increases. This is due an increase in the volume fraction leads to an increase in number of the nano particles in the nano fluid. That causes greater friction between the particles in the fluid. Hence when the volume fraction of nano fluid (X) increases, so the fluid velocity decreases.

Based on Figure 5(b), it was noticed that, the fluid temperature distributions increased when the value of volume fraction of the copper-water nano fluid parameter, (X) was increased. This is expected as an increase in the volume fraction leads to an increase in number copper particles in the nano fluid. That causes friction between the particles in the fluid become greater. Large friction of

those the copper particles can raise the temperature of the nano fluid. Hence when the volume fraction of nano fluid (X) increases, then the fluid temperature increases

4. Conclusions

In this paper, the problem of magnetohydrodynamic effects in mixed convection fluid flow at lower stagnation point on a sliced sphere has been investigated and solved numerically. The governing boundary layer equations are transformed into a dimensionless form and the resulting nonlinear systems of partial differential equations are solved numerically using the Keller-Box method. This study has revealed how magnetic (M) parameters, sliced angle of solid sphere (θ_s) parameters, and volume fraction (X) of nano fluid parameters affect the fluid flow significantly. From the results obtained, it is revealed that

- i. An increase on the values of magnetic (M) parameter may lead to lower fluid velocity and raise the fluid temperature.
- ii. As sliced angle of solid sphere (θ_s) parameter is increased, fluid velocity is increased and temperature is decreased.
- iii. Velocity of the flow is reduced when volume fraction of nano fluid (X) parameters is increased, and temperature of the flow is raised when volume fraction of nano fluid (X) parameters is increased.

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